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BLOOMFIELD-MONTCLAIR.

dependent in the Montclair Herald gets the incorporation of the two towns.

following communication appeared in the Montclair Herald of the 14th:

THE NEAR FUTURE.

Editor of the Montclair Herald:

I read with pleasure last week your article on the needs and opportunities of Montclair for beautifying and improving itself, and am glad to see that you are still more attracted to the desirable class of residents.

Looking for suburban homes in numbers. The topic of hard roads, deeply interests me personally, and to some kindred considerations, a slightly different line from the one which the Herald took.

The system which our roads have been macadamized is chiefly conspicuous for its lack of planning for the future, and evincing a complete lack of foresight.

Whether fully justified or not, a vote of the last town meeting, town Committee were instructed to make the wish of the citizens to the more thickly populated parts of town preferred in this year's estimate of the appropriation.

When we require the purpose of this item of economy, we find it is two-fold, to re-communicate within the town convenient, and to facilitate travel between us and neighbors.

As a result of the actual policy pursued even in fine pleasure drives attain only by intermediate sections of unfinished roads, and good approach ending in mire. Neither evident purposes of the taxpayers has been attained.

When a city for this is sought many voices are heard. "Incorporate." And the same is recommended for all other evils, body politic due to lack of unity and concentration of power.

This remedy is to be applied with regard to the future and its needs, and careful weighing of its merits in all its aspects, we shall not better our condition materially, we shall have taken new responsibilities and in.

So one city is the best solution suggested of the problems confronting both towns. To all intents and ends their interests are already local, or so nearly so as to give no cle to a closer union. In the corporation suggested the town identities be preserved so far as desirable in and district boundaries, and all the sets of both advanced financially, locally and for purposes of good government in all branches of public and service. Sewerage, hard roads, lighting, parks and all the local evils which agitate Bloomfield in equal degree with ourselves, are met and easier solved if faced by a powerful body of taxpayers as an incorporated municipality.

It is to be the best place of residence within easy reach of New York, would be well high irresistible any man whose desire and ability and him to select a residence in place with intelligent good taste, the surety of obtaining the clearest sphere, social, political and moral, could greatly increase the literary of the region, and raise a standard in matters of art that is high.

possibilities opened by the advantages then offered by nature and public spirit combined are a field for the imagination, which scarcely be extravagant in its. However, such things do not about without effort. This is unduly a plan worthy of serious and hard work to put into shape. The time is ripe for a move. Let us look into the and provide, not for our presenters, but for the population of the crowding upon us and sure to increasing additions, who will us the foresight of to-day, wishes a wise and comprehensive of consolidated incorporation.

The Herald says editorially of the position: To say that the letter of an esteemed correspondent, printed in another column, advocating the incorporation of Bloomfield and Montclair into one city, is expressing our feelings. If we were not aware that the letter is a gentleman well and highly esteemed in our midst, we might think that there is some deep scheme hidden under his pen. However, he is thorough and gives good reasons for his advocates.

This is not a question to be looked at from a sentimental point of view, but as from a practical one. Our correspondent has outlined some of the advantages of such a step.

Among the disadvantages which might be named are: the fact that the township of Montclair is already too large in superficial area; that many citizens of Glen Ridge would be glad to separate from Bloomfield; that they do not express a desire to be joined to Montclair, but wish their own distinct government; that Bloomfield has never been able to enforce the Sunday liquor laws; that this policy of merging communities that have grown to have separate and distinct identities obliterates local pride and generates, at first, at least, considerable friction and dislike; that we are sure a large majority of our citizens would bitterly oppose such a step, and in all probability Bloomfield desires it no more than Montclair; and last, but by no means least, the city of Newark is anxious to engulf all of the Essex county towns, a movement that would be made much easier if the towns began engulfing one another, but which foreshadows a fate from which we most earnestly hope to be delivered.

"We should like to hear the question thoroughly discussed from every standpoint, and should especially like to hear what our Bloomfield friends have to say on the subject. For our part we cannot, at this writing, agree with our correspondent. We would rather never incorporate than lose our identity. And since our town will have in a few years 20,000 people, it will be quite big enough to go into the business of being a city on its own hook."

Grand Army Notes.

Commander S. G. Hayter will inspect Bartlett Post at Caldwell next Monday evening, May 18. A stage will leave from in front of the post room at 7 p. m. All comrades are invited to go and have a good time.

Wm. S. Pierson Post, No. 58, will be inspected by Comrade E. S. Crossman of Wheeler Post on next Friday evening, May 22. The Department Commander, J. R. Mullikin, accompanied by his staff, will be present, as also will Wheeler and Bartlett Posts.

Sunday evening, May 24, Wm. S. Pierson Post and Wheeler Post of Montclair will hold their memorial services in the First Presbyterian Church. After the memorial services, the pastor, the Rev. H. W. Ballantine, will preach a sermon suitable to the occasion. The memorial services are always of a

were present at the services held last year by this post have very pleasant recollections of them.

On Decoration Day, May 30, memorial services will be held at the cemetery under the auspices of Wheeler and Pierson Posts. The oration will be delivered by the Rev. R. S. Carlin.

He Thought He Had a Fortune in His Grasp.

A large number of the sporting fraternity left town yesterday afternoon, their destination being the race track at Gravesend, where the great Brooklyn Handicap was to be run. Each one had his favorite, no two alike, and all eager to get there and back their opinions. As the horses were coming down the stretch, one of the young men who had plunged heavily on Judge Morrow, and whose horse was in the lead, became greatly excited and leaning out of the grand stand too far lost his balance and plunged to the ground. He was badly injured, not physically, but in pocket, as Tenny won, with Prince Royal second and Tea Tray third. Time, 2:10.

First Case of the Season.

Katie Dolan, a dressmaker, thirty-three years of age, residing at No. 25 Madison Street, Newark, came to Bloomfield on Monday last to look for a situation as a domestic. While standing on the corner of Washington and Glenwood Avenues she suddenly fell to the ground. Drs. Van Gieson and White were hastily summoned, and they pronounced it a case of prostration by the heat. She was taken to the American House by Thomas Hayes, and after receiving proper medical attendance was sent to her home in Newark.

The Gas Company's Officers.

The annual meeting of the Montclair Gas and Water Company was held on Tuesday afternoon at the company's office in this place, and the following were elected officers for the year: President, Dr. J. J. H. Love; Vice-President, Mathias Dodd of East Orange; Secretary and Treasurer, William H. Baldwin; Directors, Stephen W. Casey Andrus B. Howe and Dr. J. J. H. Love of Montclair, Thomas W. Langstroth of Bloomfield, Mathias Dodd of East Orange and Eugene Vanderpool and Mathias Plum both of Newark.

A Pastor Installed.

The Rev. W. O. Weedon, pastor elect of the Upper Montclair Congregational Church, was installed on Tuesday night in the presence of a large congregation. The Rev. Dr. Lyman of Brooklyn and the various pastors of the Montclair churches assisted in the ceremonies. After the installation the ladies of the church furnished a bountiful repast.

FIRE IN ORCHARD STREET.

Rudolph Bruett's Barn Burned—Wright Gilbert Loses His Furniture, Which was Temporarily Stored in the Building.

A fire broke out shortly after eight o'clock last Tuesday morning in the barn of Rudolph Bruett on Orchard Street, near the New York and Greenwood Lake Railroad. Alarms were sent out from boxes 27 and 49, all the companies responding. Phoenix made its first appearance with the new hose wagon. They were rather unfortunate, as the axle was sprung while going through Montgomery Avenue. Phoenix was the first on the scene. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a spark from a locomotive. The barn and its contents were totally destroyed.

Wright Gilbert, who had his furniture stored in the place temporarily, was insured about two weeks ago. Bruett had a quantity of paints, oils, and other material stored in the barn, which made the fire burn more quickly. He was only partially insured. His carriage and chicken-houses were also destroyed. Many complaints were heard on account of the lack of water pressure. Loss about \$2,000.

A HORRIBLE CASE.

Sleeping With His Mother's Dead Body for Three Nights.

A sad case of neglect was discovered in Montclair last Monday. Mrs. Ella Johnson, living at Fulton and New Streets, died a week ago last Sunday night, and the fact was not known until last Monday evening. The discovery was made through Mrs. Youngjohn, the owner of the house, who thought it was strange that she had not seen Mrs. Johnson for several days, and concluded to call and see if she was sick.

When she entered the room a horrible sight met her eyes. The woman's dead body lay on the bed, and was in an advanced stage of decomposition. The police were informed and the County Physician sent for. The woman's nine-year-old son had slept in the same bed with the body for three nights, not knowing that his mother was dead. The boy, on being questioned, said his mother often slept three or four days after being drunk. The body was buried on Tuesday.

JOHN W. VAN DER POOL, Secretary of the Association.

The Oakland Musical and Literary Association at the residence of Moses D. Van Winkle Friday evening, the 8th inst. An attractive programme, consisting of readings, recitations, and music, both instrumental and vocal, was rendered. Thornton B. Penfield, of the class of '90, Columbia College, was present, and entertained the guests with singing and guitar playing. After the programme was finished a light lunch was served and the members departed well pleased with the evening's entertainment. The association will meet at the residence of Geo. M. Cadmus next Friday evening.

Says She Was Robbed.

The authorities of this place will have a chance to investigate a case of robbery that occurred a few nights ago upon a servant in the employ of a well-known Glen Ridge family. The girl alleges that she went into a saloon, and after they had got her drunk stole her clothing and then put her out in the street. She ran around the streets all night and finally managed to reach her home. She was unable to tell in what saloon she went, but her mistress has a slight clue and will probably have the proprietor of the place arrested on suspicion. When the girl reached home she only had a shawl and skirt on her.

Elected Officers.

Bromley Chapter, Epworth League, connected with the Park Methodist Church, elected these officers on Monday night: President, Clarence Van Winkle; Vice-Presidents, W. J. Bowman, Sidney Lewis, George W. Heath and J. W. Snedeker; Secretary, Sidney Lewis; Treasurer, Frederick Langstroth. The league during the past year has doubled its membership and now has eighty-three members. The treasury of the league was reported as being in a good condition.

A Presentation.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of the Baptist Church gave a sociable at the residence of the Rev. Charles A. Cook on Wednesday evening. The principal feature of the evening was the presentation to the pastor of a large and beautiful marble clock, a walnut table, and a picture. The house was filled, and a very enjoyable time was spent by all present. This is the first sociable given in Pastor Cook's new house.

Will Not Appeal.

By advice of their counsel, H. M. Barrett, Messrs. Smith and Mitchell have decided not to take an appeal from the decision giving \$1,200 damages to the father of young Donahue.

The Fresh-Air Club.

The Fresh-Air Club began their annual jaunt to Philadelphia on Saturday last; starting on foot from the Pennsylvania Railroad ferry in Jersey City at half-past five in the morning.

About thirty-five minutes were spent at breakfast in Elizabeth, and an even hour at New Brunswick for dinner; the finish for the first day being made at Princeton, where the walkers were refreshed with baths, suppers and a night's rest. Here W. R. Curtis, the well-known editor of the Spirit of the Times and captain of the Fresh-Air Club, was in waiting to welcome the trampers, he having just completed the important function of senior judge at the Princeton Athletic games.

The journey was continued next morning at 6:35 o'clock; fifty minutes were spent at Trenton for breakfast; and two short stops at Bristol and Frankford respectively, for light refreshments, consisting chiefly of ice cream and oranges. At the latter place some well intended but bad advice was taken, and two unnecessary miles were walked on a country road called Nicetown Lane. The latter proved to be anything, or everything, but "nice," however, so the pace-makers ordered a hasty retreat to Kensington Avenue, and then the proper programme was carried out on York Street to Broad, finishing at the railroad depot, corner of Market and Broad Streets, at 5:15 p. m.

The pedestrestrans were Dr. J. S. McBride, F. A. C.; Valentine J. Grode, American A. C., and Robert Edmiston, F. A. C.

Nearly 92 miles had been covered, on foot, in twenty and three-quarters hours, net time.

Made Nominations.

The members of Essex Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, met in the truck house Tuesday evening for the purpose of nominating officers to be elected in June for the ensuing year. The following were the nominations made: President, Howard B. Davis; Vice-President, J. A. Olmstead; Secretary, Thad. S. Genn; Treasurer, Charles Johnson; Foreman, E. D. Ackerman; Assistant Foreman, L. Dawkins, G. M. Wood; Geo. S. Reford, Trustees, W. U. W. L. Johnson, Jules Magory, Langstroth, Frank G. Tower, Geo. A. De, J. Howard Hard.

THE ROYAL ARCANUM.

The Ninth Annual Session Held in Newark—Charles E. McDowell of This Place Elected Grand Regent.

The ninth annual session of the Grand Council of the Royal Arcanum of the State of New Jersey was held at Newark on last Tuesday. The reports of the several officers were of an exceedingly agreeable nature. The Grand Regent reported that thirteen new councils had been instituted during the year and 1,300 new names added, making the total membership over 7,000. The session was honored by the presence of Hon. L. R. Watts of Virginia, Regent of the Supreme Council, who installed the officers-elect for the coming year, and in his remarks gave New Jersey the praise of being the banner state in the Arcanum sisterhood by reason of her growth, which showed a larger percentage than any other of the States. To the members of Bloomfield Council, No. 960, it was a meeting of more than usual interest. By the unanimous vote of the members of the Grand Council, Charles E. McDowell, P. R., of No. 960 was elected to the office of Grand Regent. With his well known push, and the knowledge gained while Vice-Regent, the order looks for even a larger gain during the coming, than in the past year, which was phenomenal.

The members of Bloomfield Council to give expression to the honor which has come to them, and also to celebrate the entrance of its fiftieth member, will hold an open meeting at their rooms in the evening of the 22d inst. (cards of admission can be had of any of the members), where a pleasant evening will be spent with music, recitations, and refreshments.

For the second time the Supreme Council will hold its session in New Jersey. The fourteenth annual session will be convened at Atlantic City on June 3, and continue from day to day until its business is finished.

The latest statistics are to March 31, and show 1,370 councils with 116,654 members. Arcanumites are proud of this record and think it shows well for a fourteen-year-old.

THE GREAT PIPE-LINE.

The Work Being Done Under the Supervision of A. H. Olmstead of This Town.

The East Jersey Water Company has completed its final location for the pipe Newark water supply. There

A Bowery Episode.

A disgraceful scene was enacted in the Bowery last Saturday night, a fight, which started in East Orange, causing the trouble. Two young women and two young men were the combatants. It seems one of the young men made a remark derogatory to one of the women, and on being reproved by the other young man responded by blackening his eyes. The woman, upon seeing her champion worsted, seized a large stone and began to belabor her defamer about the head and body with it. The young man did his best to dodge the blows, but failing in this, and suddenly remembering that discretion was better than valor, he beat an ignominious retreat and escaped by jumping on a horse-car.

He was not to get away so easily, however, for the woman gave chase and pursued him through the Centre, up Washington Avenue and around to the original scene of the affray. Here both sides were reinforced and hostilities were again renewed. The battle waged fiercely, the women doing most of the fighting. It is hard to tell which side would have been victorious, for the officers appeared and everyone scattered. One of the staunch supporters of the women was arrested, but released, after promising to behave in the future. Others were urged to make charges, but fearing the notoriety declined. It is said that the mother of one of the participants had a knife in her hand and was about to commit suicide on account of her child's disgrace.

The Exempt Firemen's Convention.

The fifth annual convention of the New Jersey State Association of Exempt Firemen was held in Turn Hall, Paterson, last Wednesday. The session lasted from 11 A. M. to 3 P. M. Everything was done for the comfort of the delegates, and the Mayor tendered them the freedom of the city. Considerable business was transacted, and after a fine collation had been served, the delegates visited many points of interest, among them the fire companies, Passaic Falls, and various other places. The delegates were presented with beautiful badges. Bloomfield's association was represented by Wm. U. Oakes, T. E. Hayes, Chief T. Howell Johnson, and Jules Magory. T. E. Hayes was appointed a member of the Standing Committee.

Oliver Higgins Displays Bravery.

Minister of the Gospel.